

SOUTHEAST ASIA: Widespread showers in Thailand and coastal Vietnam (50-150 mm), increased moisture supplies for rice. In the Philippines, heavy showers (75-200 mm) fell across western Luzon, slowing early-rice harvesting. Elsewhere, variable showers (10-100 mm) increased moisture supplies. Generally warm, dry conditions reduced moisture supplies for oil palm across peninsular Malaysia. Warm, dry weather continued across Java, Indonesia, aiding second-crop rice development. In August, near- to above-normal rainfall in Thailand increased moisture for main-season rice. Sunny weather favored rice development in northern Vietnam. Elsewhere in Vietnam, above-normal August rains caused flooding in the Mekong Delta. Across the Philippines, near- to above-normal rainfall boosted moisture supplies, but caused localized flooding in Luzon. Above-normal rainfall favored oil palm in peninsular Malaysia, while irrigation supplies were adequate for second-crop rice in Java, Indonesia.